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Montana Medicaid Notice
Institutional Providers

NPI Requirement for Institutional Healthcare Provider Claims

CMS has announced effective January 1, 2008, institutional claims submitted to Medicare fee for service must include an NPI in the billing/pay-to fields on claims for healthcare providers. Medicare will allow providers to bill with their NPI and legacy numbers in the billing/pay-to fields. However, if a provider bills institutional claims to Medicare with only their legacy number, those claims will be returned as unprocessable by Medicare.

Montana's Healthcare Programs will also require the NPI to be used on institutional claims submitted on and after January 1, 2008. At that time, if you are a healthcare provider, you must bill Montana's Healthcare Programs with your NPI and taxonomy on institutional claims. As of January 1, 2008, you will not be able to bill institutional claims to Montana's Healthcare Programs with your current provider number(s). If you have not re-enrolled with us yet, you must do so before January 1, 2008.

Contact Information

For claims questions or additional information, contact Provider Relations:

Provider Relations toll-free in- and out-of-state: 1-800-624-3958

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